

CourteMailList - Message from Richard T. Fields, Riverside County Superior Court Presiding Judge

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Subject: Message from Richard T. Fields, Riverside County Superior Court Presiding Judge

Thank you to those who prepared letters last week for the budget subcommittee members. We need your assistance again to prepare more letters of support for the Governors proposal for additional funding for courthouse security.

Two of the states budget subcommittees met last week to review the proposal and make recommendations to the Legislature. The Senate subcommittee approved a large portion of funding, while the Assembly subcommittee approved none of the funding. Now, the Budget Subcommittee (made up of representatives from both houses) will be reviewing the proposal and making a recommendation.

Please direct your support letters to each of the six members of the Budget Conference Committee and send them no later than **Friday, June 8th**.

Background

Governor Schwarzeneggers budget proposal for the upcoming 2007/2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) includes additional funding for courthouse security. This funding is critical because it will help bring the Riverside County Superior Court up to the security standards adopted by Californias Judicial Council and will help fill gaps in the current years court security budget.

Having adequate courthouse security is imperative because without it, the publics access to justice is hindered. If the public cannot access services provided by the court, then they lose confidence in our justice system.

Assistance Requested

Please prepare six letters of support as follows:

A letter to each of the 6 members of the Budget Conference Committee (if you cant do 6 separate letters, then prepare one letter to the chair, John Laird, with copies of that letter to the other 5 members)

Letters should not exceed one page this makes them easier to fax and read.

Please fax these letters to the individual members of the Budget Conference Committee by 6/8/07 and then follow-up by sending the letters via US mail.

Fax a copy of the letter to Kate Howard from the Judicial Councils OGA (Office of Governmental Affairs) at 916-323-4347.

In addition, please send a copy of the letter via US mail to the Riverside County legislators

Attachments

To assist you, attached is a draft letter. Feel free to use the letter as it reads or make any changes you would like.

Also attached is a listing of the individual members of the Budget Conference Committee and our county's Legislators, along with their fax numbers and mailing addresses.

Thank you again for your assistance and support!